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MARITIME NAVIGATION SEASON WELL UNDER WAY

LENINGRAD SCHOONER ARRIVES IN KAMCHATKA -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 99,
28 Apr 49

The auxiliary-powered sailing schooner Globus (captain, Bogomolov) arrived in Petropavlovsk-on-Kamchatka from Leningrad on 27 April. The schooner made the trip in 5 months, covering 15,000 miles along the Pacific Ocean. Despite difficult weather conditions which included storms and typhoons, the crew completed its planned task on schedule.

SOVIET SHIP RETURNS FROM ANTARCTIC -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 104, 5 May 49

The Diesel ship Kreml' arrived in Odessa yesterday from the Antarctic. The ship's voyage to the antarctic with the Slava Whaling Flotilla took more than 4 months. The Krem, brought back several thousand tons of valuable whale fat.

WHITE SEA NAVIGATION HAS BEGUN -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 115, 16 May 49

Passenger transportation on the White Sea has started much earlier than last year. The freight and passenger steamers Mid'yug and Kareliya left the Arkhangel'sk port on their first trip to Kandalaksha and Onega. In the next few days, regular trips will be made on the Arkhangel'sk-Murmansk, Arkhangel'sk-Mezen, and Arkhangel'sk--Nar'yan-Mar lines.

FAR EASTERN STEAMSHIP LINE BEATS PLANS -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 77, 2 Apr 49

The Far Eastern Steamship Line exceeded the March and first-quarter plans for freight hauling. It exceeded the 3-month plan 13 percent in tons and 24 percent in ton-miles.

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VLADIVOSTOK PORT EXCEEDS QUARTER PLAN -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 76, 1 Apr 49

The Vladivostok Commercial Port completed the month plan and exceeded the first-quarter plan by 10 percent on 30 March.

SUMMER SEASON OPENS ON BLACK SEA -- Morskoy Flot, No 39, 17 May 49

Beginning 1 June, the Ministry of the Maritime Fleet USSR will introduce a summer schedule for passenger steamship transportation in the Black Sea. The Crimea-Caucasus express line will be serviced by three of the best ships of the maritime fleet, the turbo-electric Vyacheslav Molotov, the Diesel-electric Rossiya, and the Diesel Ukraina.

The Rossiya has been overhauled and rebuilt for the coming season. Many single cabins have been installed. The ventilation system feeds air of a certain degree of humidity and temperature to the cabins, either cool or warm, depending on the season. The ship is completely equipped with radio facilities. There is a sea water swimming pool on one of the decks. The Rossiya operates between Odessa and Batumi, and will make stops at Yalta, Novorossiysk, Sochi, and Sukhumi.

The Vyacheslav Molotov and the Ukraina, which operated in previous years on the Crimea-Caucasus express line, are well known to passengers for their comfortable cabins and salons. These ships will stop at Sevastopol', Yalta, Novorossiysk, Tuapse, Sochi, Sukhumi, and Poti.

A new fast steamship line will be opened this year between Odessa and Batumi. The Red Banner Diesel ship L'vov and the steamer Petrodvorets will operate on this line. Passengers will be able to see the sights of Yalta, Feodosiya, Novorossiysk, Sochi, Sukhumi, and other cities on the Black Sea.

More attention will be given to local passenger transportation in the area of the Caucasian coast line. Cutters will run between Sochi and Sukhumi, stopping at all resort places. A special Sochi-Gagry passenger line has been opened.

For the first time this year, round-trip tickets will be available between Sochi, Sukhumi, and Batumi. Vacationists staying in Sochi or Sukhumi, who have purchased a round-trip ticket to Batumi, may stay at the final point of destination for 14 hours aboard ship. The passengers spend the night in the same cabin which they occupied during the trip, and return to Sochi or Sukhumi on the same ship.

Passenger lines connecting the oblast centers of the Ukraine, Odessa, Kherson and Nikolayev, are of great importance. There will be faster service on these lines in the current year. Communication between Novorossiysk and Sochi and to other points on the coast, which are not accessible by other means of transportation, will be improved. Passenger ships will run daily between Sochi and Novorossiysk, stopping a number of ports along the coast.

Piers and passenger waiting-rooms in the Crimean and Caucasian ports have been improved.

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